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Rogue River Rooster Crow 2011

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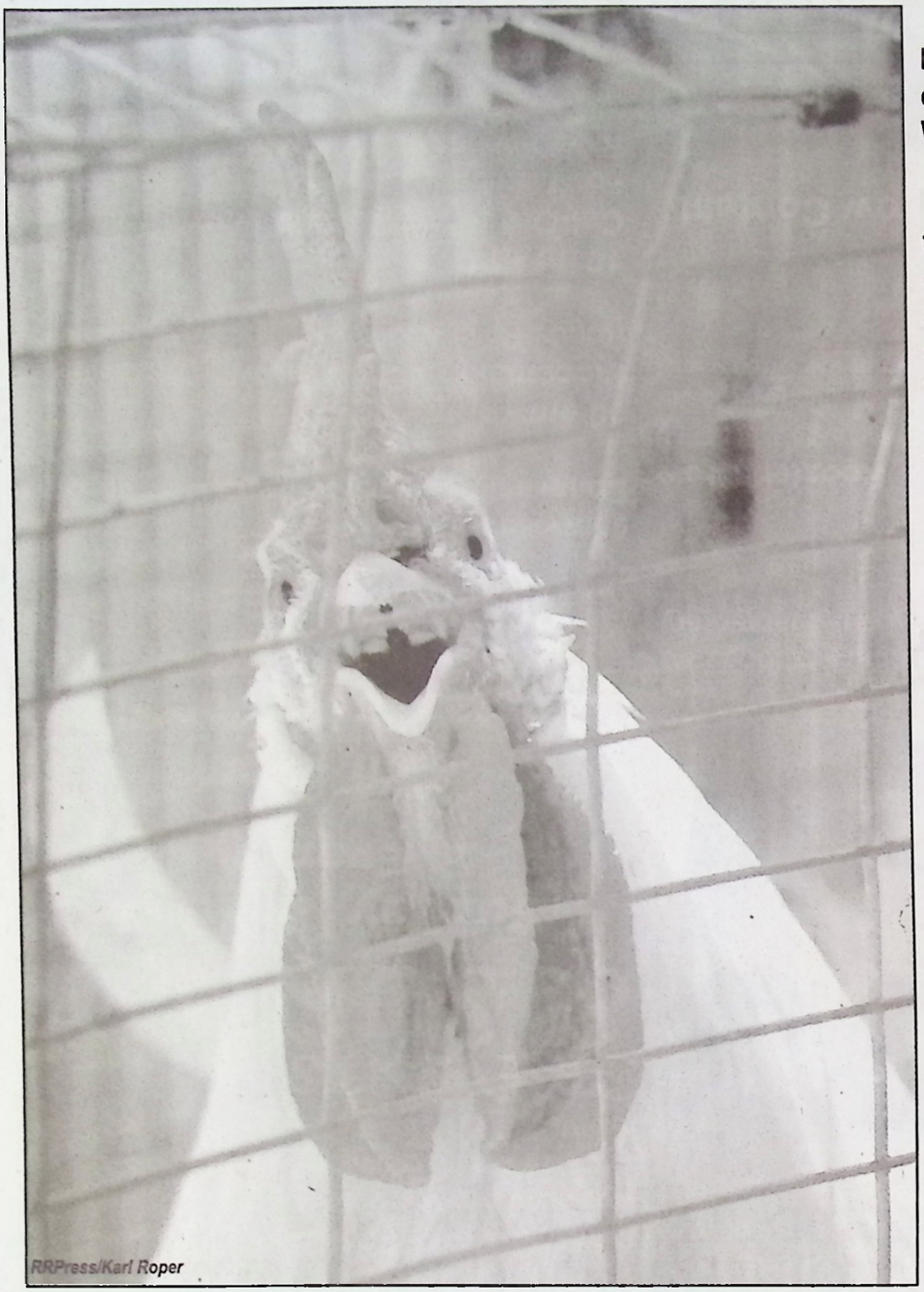

Roosters of all shapes, sizes and breed are welcome at the 2011 Rogue River National Rooster Crow!

On behalf of the Rogue River Kiwanis Club, welcome to Rooster Crow Weekend 2011.

We are looking forward to an exceptional weekend of fun. Volunteers from around Rogue River and the surrounding area have worked together to present a wide variety of activities for your enjoyment.

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Dating back 58 years, the Rooster Crow is a long-standing tradition in Rogue River. We have worked to continue that tradition and to add more fun-filled events to it. We hope that you enjoy all that we have to offer during Rooster Crow Weekend 2009.

Jim McKinney
President
Rogue River Kiwanis Club

2011 Rooster Crow Grand Marshal: Wanda Nesbit

Celebrating her 88th Birthday

By Tammy Asnicar
Rogue River Press

Wanda Nesbit's 88th birthday will certainly be unforgettable. How many of us can say that an entire town was invited to our birthday party, or that our hometown threw a parade in our honor?

Actually, it's sheer coincidence that Nesbit's birthday on June 25 coincides with the 58th annual Rooster Crow festival. And, surely it is serendipity that this diminutive dynamo is riding in this year's parade as grand marshal.

"I never dreamed I'd be doing this on my 88th birthday," she said.

Rogue River is certainly a long way from Reeding, Okla. where Nesbit was born in 1933 in the same two-story farmhouse where her father was born.

The village of 100 residents consisted of a grain elevator, parsonage, hardware and general store, and a pump that supplied the entire town with water. Nesbit's father and brother managed the general store that included the post office.

Reeding can no longer be found on any map, but Nesbit has never forgotten the charm of that small town. And, although she has visited all but one of the 50 states and traveled abroad, there is no place like home in Rogue River.

"I like the small community, it is very appealing," she said. "I'm from a small country town. This is my adopted city, and I feel at home."

Wanda Nesbit is happiest when she is busy and involved in a project.

Midwest born and bred, the Southern California transplant has called the Rogue River area home for 29 years.

For 22 years, she has been an active

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member of the Rogue River Garden Club, and for several years been a familiar face (and voice) at Rogue River City Council meetings.

She formed the Rogue River Mural Society in 2008. For the last three years, she has been the champion of preserving the history of Rogue River in a series of murals throughout downtown.

The first mural on the southwest wall of the Post Office was dedicated in October 2010.

The project was daunting, but Nesbit was never daunted by the undertaking.

"They" said it couldn't be done...but she and the Mural Society proved "them" wrong.

And, the proof is in living color --- all 450 square feet of it.

Under Nesbit's leadership, the society worked tirelessly to raise more than $12,000.

Not one to take all the credit, Nesbit applauds her "wonderful team."

"This is a super lady, and a super committee," said Mayor John Bond at the society's celebration on October 9. "This is a fantastic thing. A lot of people, including me, didn't think they could do it, but you turn this animal loose and you have this group behind her, and you see the fantastic job they've done in getting it done."

"I will not walk away from a challenge," said Nesbit. "I'll come out a winner."

And, win she has...she has won the hearts of many through her steadfast determination and hard work.

And, she is a survivor.

She survived a painful divorce in 1945, when divorce was not a popular option, and found true love again. A happy 35-year second marriage produced two children and many wonderful memories.

After her husband's death in 1981, she was encouraged to visit Oregon. In 1982, she moved from Los Angeles to Gold Hill where she found solace with a new soul mate. The pair spent the next 10 years traveling the globe: Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Hawaii, Fiji and the eastern seaboard, Washington D.C., Niagara Falls and all the Civil War battlefields.

"In fact, we covered every historical place we'd read about in our history books," she recalled. "So many wonderful experiences."

"That's why I am so interested in preserving our local

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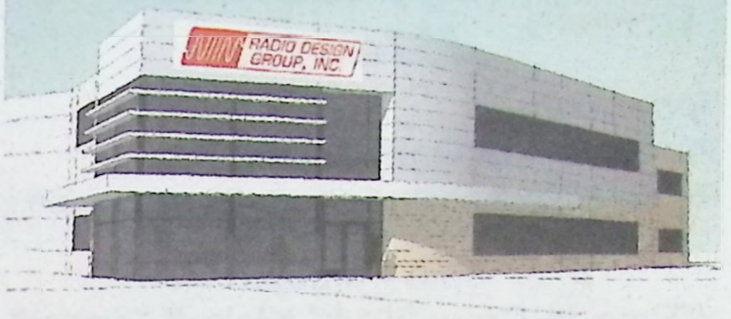

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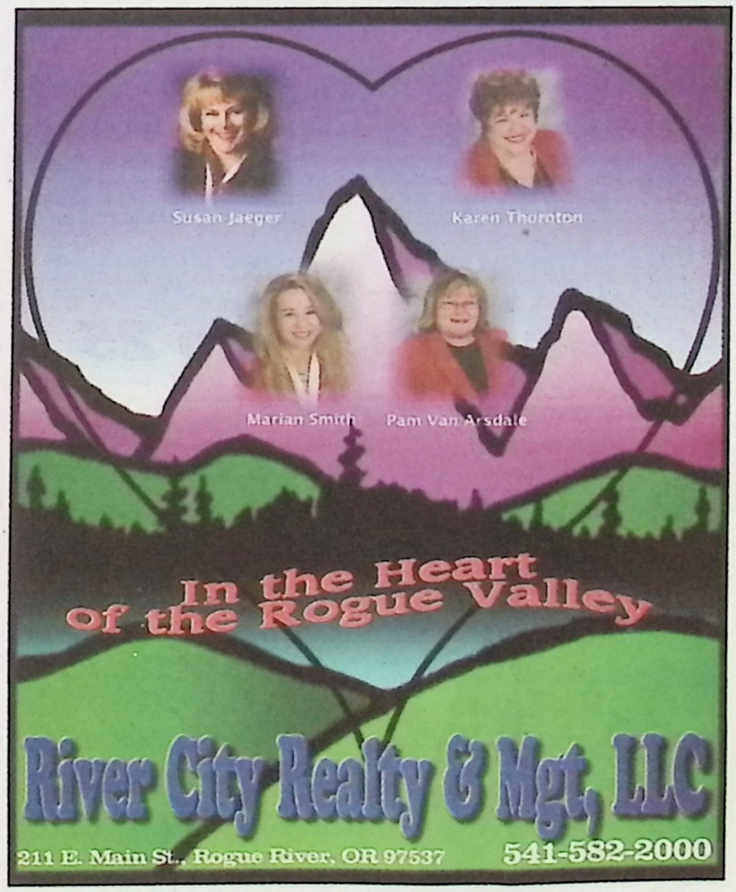

Schedule Of Events
Friday & Saturday

Friday, June 24 Events

1pm - 4pm -
Piecemakers Quilt Show*
Rogue River Middle School. $2 admission.

5pm - 6:30pm
"Time to Crow 2011" Kickoff Dinner*
Sponsored by the
Rogue River Chamber of Commerce at
Rogue River Community Center. $6.00

6:30pm - 9:30pm -
Live Entertainment
Presented by the Chamber of Commerce featuring **"Unsung Heros"** at Woodville Museum Bandstand.

6:30pm -
Kiwanis Trailer will be selling food and drink.

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Saturday, June 25 Events

8am – "Fun Run & Walk*
Starts and ends at Rogue River Beck Field, Rogue River Middle School. For more info, visit: www.sorunners.org, go to events, June, Rooster.

8am - 9:45am -
Parade Formation,
Rogue River Shopping Center

9am - 10am -
"Fill-a-Bag Preview Book Sale"
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9am - 4pm -
Concessions, Arts & Crafts Booths Open

9am - 4pm –
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10am
Rooster Crow Parade
Downtown

1pm - 4pm -
Piecemakers Quilt Show*
Rogue River Middle School. $2 admission.

10am - 2pm -
Rooster Crow Contest Registration
Corner of Pine & 1st St, Grass Field near Elem School.

11am - 2pm –
Noah's Play World
Great activities for children, sponsored by the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce. Corner of Pine & 1st St. Grass field near Elementary School.
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Schedule Of Events
Saturday & Sunday

11am - 4pm -
"Art in the Plaza"
Sponsored by the *Rogue River Press*. Depot Street Park, Downtown.

1pm - 1:45pm
Live Entertainment
Traditional Mexican Dancers sponsored by Tarasco Mexican Restaurant. Elementary School parking lot, Pine St.

1:45pm -
Parade Awards at the Rooster Crow Arena. *Trophies and medals not picked up will be available at RR Chamber Booth during Rooster Crow. On Monday, pick them up at the Chamber of Commerce office.*

2pm -
Human Rooster Crow Contest
Rooster Crow Arena

2:30pm
58th Annual National Rooster Crow Contest
Rooster Crow Arena

3:30pm - 6:30pm -
Live Entertainment
Sponsored by the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce featuring **"Teri Cote' and the Randalz"** at Woodville Museum bandstand.

Sunday, June 26 Events

8am - 3pm
Rooster Crow Car Show
Grass field arena near Elementary School
(Awards at 2pm)

9am - 4pm -
Concessions, Arts & Crafts Booths Open

10 am - 4pm -
Piecemakers Quilt Show*
Rogue River Middle School. $2 admission.

10am - 11am -
Cal-Ore River Racers, warm-ups
For Members Only. Sponsored by Rogue River Friends of the Library.

11am
Rooster Crow Invitational White Water Race
Depot St. Bridge
Cal-Ore River Racers Hydro-plane race, three laps from Rogue River to Gold Hill.

Events FREE OF CHARGE unless denoted by an asterisk (*), which events carry an admission or entrance fee.

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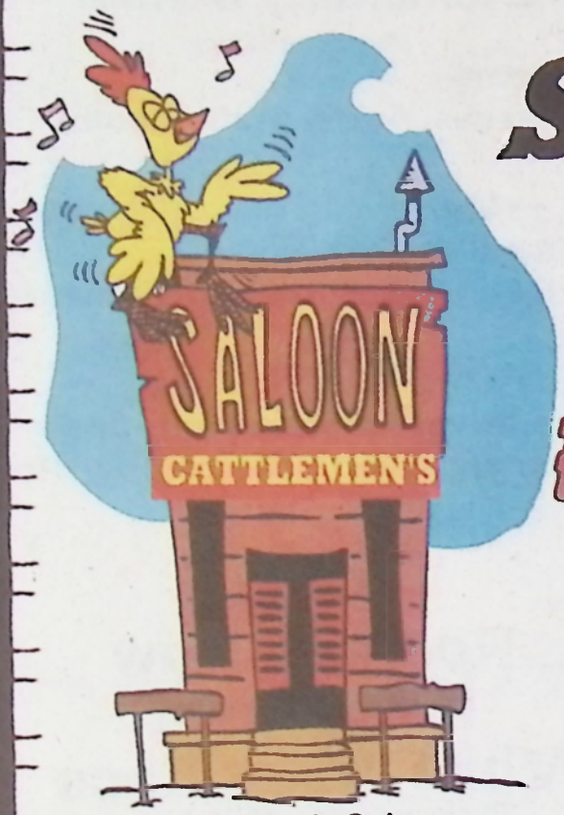

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A small town, country girl at heart, Wanda Nesbit loves her adopted hometown and the "nice people in this city."

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history," she added.

The two also embarked on other ventures, like building rental properties on Broadway in downtown Rogue River.

She lost her companion in 1992. In 1995, she fought and won her first bout with breast cancer. Unfortunately, her only daughter did not win her battle with lung cancer.

"It was not a good year," she confessed.

In late 1995, Nesbit met a man who would become her best friend, dancing partner and traveling companion. He accompanied on trips across the United States (she has

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2011 ART IN THE PLAZA PROMISES TO MAKE A SPLASH

By Tammy Asnicar
Rogue River Press

The *Rogue River Press* sponsored a brand-new event, *Art in the Plaza*, at the 2010 Rooster Crow. The second annual art show promises to be even bigger and better.

Art lovers are invited to stroll through the booths scattered throughout the Downtown Plaza Park and along Depot Street.

The exhibit and sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. will showcase local painters, sculptors, woodworkers, artisans and craftsmen.

Sidewalk chalk artist Bill Krevy of Rogue River will sketch throughout the day.

New this year is a *Kids' Art in the Plaza* show and contest. Categories will feature work by artists in five grade categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The winners will be those young artists who best depict the theme: "Time to Crow" --- also the theme of the 2011 Rooster

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WHITEWATER RACE: BIG SPLASH AT ROOSTER CROW

By Claude Akins
Rogue River Press

The Rooster Crow Invitational Whitewater Race will cap off Rooster Crow weekend for the third straight year. This year, organizers are hoping for a little more participation than the first couple years.

"We know we're not Boatnik (Grants Pass' Memorial Day hydro-plane race), we're not trying to be, but we're hoping for a little momentum to carry over to our event," said Rooster Crow weekend planner Holly Spitz.

The race on June 26 is just one stopover on the Cal-Ore River Racers' circuit.

In 2010, only three boats participated in the event largely due to crashes during Boatnik and the hydro-plane drivers couldn't get the boats repaired in time for the Rooster Crow races. This year, organizers are hoping for between 15-20 boats from the Cal-Ore River Racers

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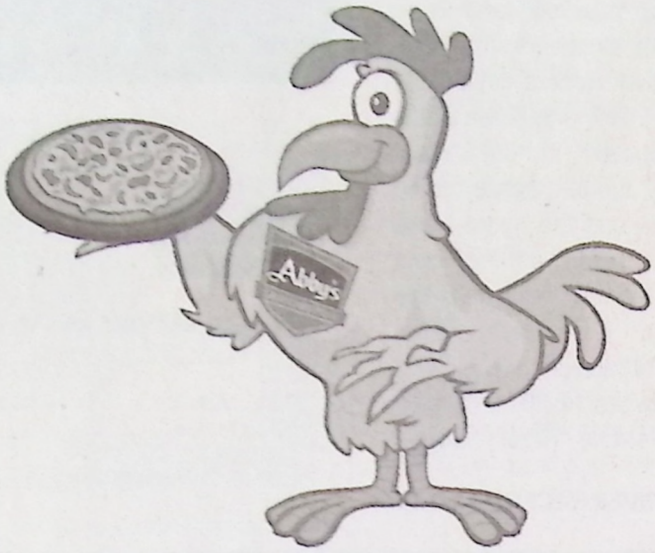

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visited all 50 states, but Florida) and been to England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Canada and Mexico. And, he saw her through her second bout with breast cancer in 2003. He died in 2009.

But, not one to slow down, or dwell on tragedy, Nesbit has continued to stay busy.

"I'm happiest when I'm involved in a project or learning something," she said. ""Life is a challenge to me --- I enjoy being involved in the community where I live."

Her civic pride, she said, comes from her parents.

Her sense of duty and longevity also is inbred.

A beloved great-grandfather served in the Civil War and was a doctor until he died at age 99. So, Nesbit figures "I was born this way.

"I am always full of energy and keep going," she added.

At the time of the mural dedication, Nesbit said, "This has been the most rewarding experience of my life, even at my old age."

In a lifetime of memories and thrilling experiences, riding in the Rooster Crow parade may be one of her finest moments.

"And, it's my birthday, too," she said.

National Rooster Crow Grand Marshals

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1981 Dennis Hitch
1982 Glen Wooldridge
1983 Jim & lottie Martin
1984 Carl "Bud" Magerle & May Ellis
1985 Mabel Rigel
1986 Hugh Hartman
1987 Georgia & Carl Lane
1988 Jeanette Umscheid
1989 Walter Dennis
1990 Royal "Dee" Deland
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1992 Gary Chittum & Sally Holiday
1993 Colista Moore
1994 Dick Skevington
1995 Roy Milton
1996 Jim Craig
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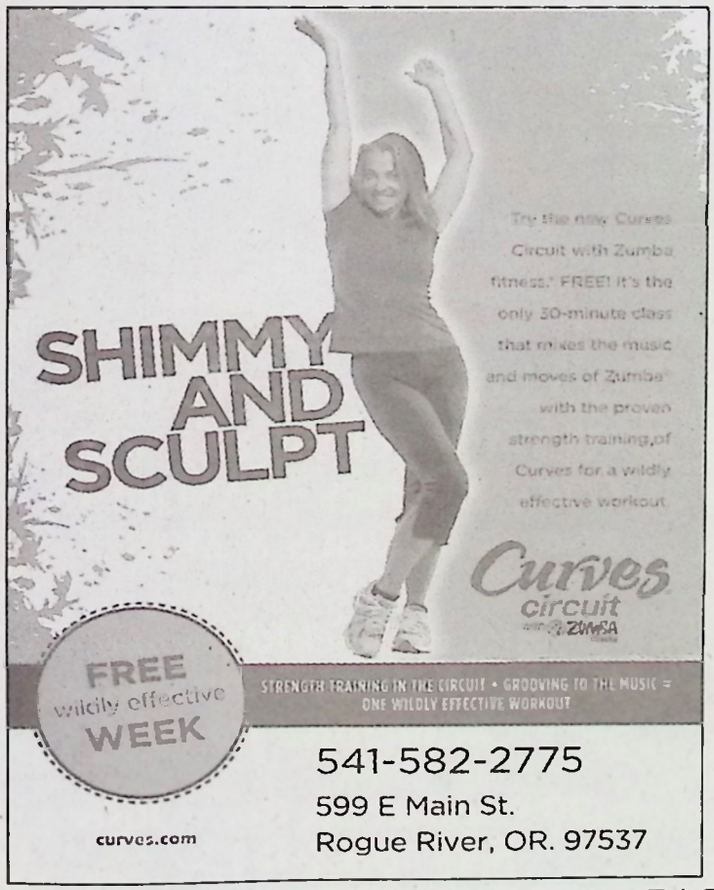

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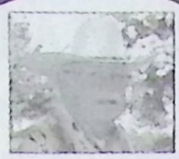

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Rooster Crow Car Show
Hot Rods, Cool Cars Crowd Pleasers

By Claude Akins
Rogue River Press

The Rogue River Rooster Crow has been around since 1953. Interestingly, there may be cars at the Rooster Crow Car Show that have been around even longer.

This will be the 11th year the car show has been part of the Rogue River Rooster Crow weekend, and this year's show should have more than 100 cars on display. The show features some of the best antique automobiles, classic cars and muscle motors in the area.
There will even be some car kits to take a look at as part of the exhibition.

There will be plenty of winners for those participating in the car show as well as plenty of chances at door prizes for all those in attendance.

The car show will be held on the third day of the Rooster Crow weekend, Sunday, June 26. Cars will be on display from 8 am to 3 pm. in the grass field near Rogue River Elementary School. The awards presentation will begin at 2 pm.

RRP/Karl Roper

Cars will line up in all their glory at the 11th Annual Rooster Crow Car Show.

The entry fee for participating in the car show is $10. Participants will receive a T-shirt, a car show poster and other goodies.

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Boosters Still Believe Rogue River is Something To Crow About

By Tammy Asnicar
Rogue River Press

Rogue River's famed Rooster Crow Contest started in 1953 as a clever, some say silly, way to let folks know that Rogue River is a town, not just a river.

Shade Coombs, inspired by the tale of Welsh coal miners who staged colorful rooster crowing contests during their holidays, shared the idea with fellow merchants interested in generating a little publicity and self-promotion.

Coombs's proposition was accepted by the Rogue River Booster Club and funds were set aside for a cash prize for the owner of the rooster that crowed the most within a 30-minute period.

The first contest was held May 23, 1953. There were 75 roosters perched and ready to let loose when Chief of Police William Peters fired the opening gun at 10 a.m. The caged cocks were free to crow for half an hour. Hollerin' Harry crowed 71 times and earned his owner $50.

Rooster Crow circa 1954.

Now, $50 was a sizable sum, considering that in 1953, gas was 25 cents a gallon as were a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk. And, coffee was a mere 50 cents a pound. Interstate 5 had yet to be built, but still more than 500 people traveled to the tiny hamlet of Rogue River to witness the contest held at City Park.

The contest continued to entertain even after the final cock-a-doodle-doo. Grants Pass auctioneer Charlie Morrison auctioned off the fowl---some had gone afoul, ruffling the feathers of their coop-side handlers.

Silent Sam owned by Bill Reeder was offered first. Having lived up to his name, his owner disgustedly bid 10 cents and then watched a flurry of bidding.

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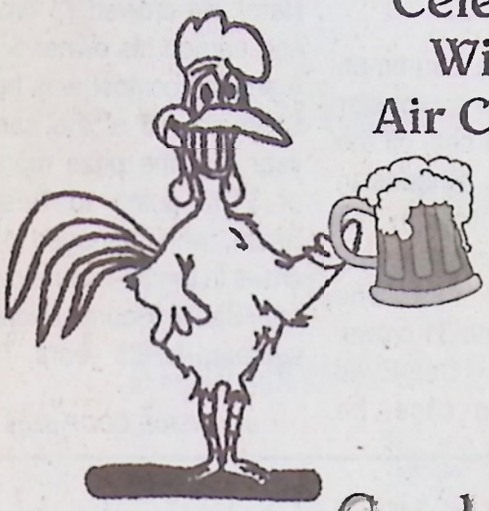

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THE INSIDE COOP: THE MAKING OF A CHAMPION

By Tammy Asnicar
Rogue River Press

Not much has changed since 1953, when the first National Rooster Crow Championship was held in Rogue River.

The rules are simple. Each person can enter one rooster; the rooster must remain in the cage throughout the contest. An impartial judge is assigned, and the tallying begins at 2:30 p.m. No mechanical, electrical, physical or chemical stimulants or devices are allowed. Moreover, in a town where roosters do rule the roost, roosters cannot be mistreated or abused.

Each rooster has 30 minutes to crow his heart out.

Never mind that most of the crowin' occurs before the official contest, when most of the roosters fall prey to the pressure.

In 2007, Rusty, a six-month-old Phoenix American, experienced "stage fright" during his debut at the Rooster Crow.

"We can get him to crow on command at home," said his owner, Wendy Peters. During the competition, it was no-go, or is that no-crow.

That same summer, Bryson Tocher's rooster Chip was not a chip off the old block. The Rhodesian red did not follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, One-Eyed Jack, who won in 1997 with 31 crows. Perched in One-Eyed Jack's winning cage, he seemed uninspired.

The roosters are fewer these days, and so are the cock-a-doodle-doos.

The winner of the first crowing event was Hollerin' Harry. He crowed 71 times and earned his owner $50. A second contest was held September 5 of the same year with the prize money of $100 going to Beetle Baum, who managed 109 crows in the 30-minute period. "Beetle Baum" reigned supreme for 25 years. The

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After high bidder Harold McKenzie paid $50, there was a rush of rooster owners hoping to cash in, but the bidding dropped rapidly.

A drizzling rain that turned to a downpour failed to dampen the spirits of the spectators or the boosters, and Medford, Grants Pass and Portland media gave the crow fest such favorable publicity, the boosters decided to hold a second contest on September 5, 1953.

The successful event has continued for 56 years, and the 57th crowing contest will again be held on the last Saturday in June. The Rogue River Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis co-sponsor the weekend.

A river may run through this quintessential small town 365 days a year, but on the last weekend in June, a rooster struts down Main Street.

Before all that cock-a-doodle-doo-ing begins, there is a rooster-themed parade---this year it's Rooster Daze. Roosters appear everywhere--on T-shirts, hats, banners, aprons, shoes and flags, and in the form of rooster statues and stuffed roosters.

"Rogue River has only two big events each year, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Rooster Crow," Dee Ellison of the Rogue River Kiwanis told the *Rogue River Press* in 2007. "This is a fantastic opportunity for Rogue River to get together and have fun."

It is also a fantastic opportunity for the Rogue River

Donnie Martin's bird, Hollerin' Harry, won the first-ever National Rooster Crow

Chamber of Commerce to promote this little town, and a great fund-raiser for the Kiwanis, as well as many other organizations.

Charlie Weaver, a Kiwanian and a local Realtor, has had a front row seat at the Rooster Crow every since that first one in '53.

"I remember when it was held down on Depot Street," he recalled. "Cages lined each side of the street, and there were roosters and people up and down, all along the curbs."

He remembers one contest that started with a bang. The police chief was to blow a whistle at 10 a.m. to signal the start. No one heard the whistle, so he fired his pistol.

"Everyone was scared silly, the roosters too," he added.

From Depot Street, the contest moved to where the Umpqua Bank parking lot is today. For years, festivities were held at Wards Creek Park, said Weaver.

"Well, the freeway took out the park, and that ended that," he added.

The Rogue River Lions Club took over from the Rogue River Boosters Club, and since 1993, the Kiwanis have been lead organizers along with the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rogue River.

Planning begins at the end of January, and in February, the agenda is set and a theme selected.

These days, the Rooster Crow shares the spotlight during what has become an entire weekend of activities, including one of the area's largest and best summer parades, the National Human Crow contest, a classic car show, a quilt show, entertainment, arts and crafts and food.

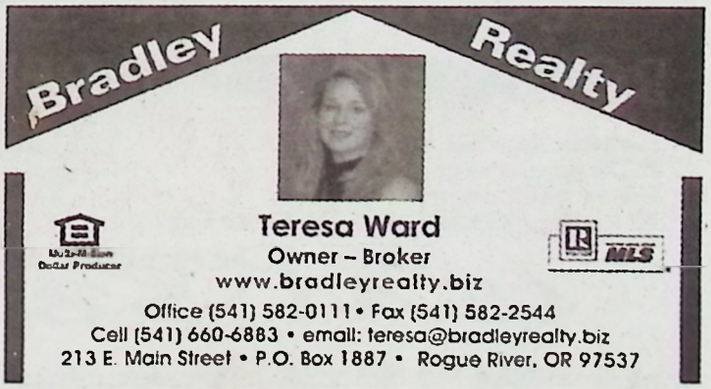
The weekend-long festival really starts rockin' and rollin' during Saturday's parade when more than 50 floats, marching units, horses, dogs, llamas, and folks in rooster costumes head down Main Street. Hundreds of people line the streets between the Rogue River Shopping Center and Rogue River Elementary School.

The rest of the weekend is full of activities, including a carnival and a car show all underscored by country music and oldies tunes.

"This all seemed hokey, when I moved here in 2002," said Holly Spitz. "First, you ask yourself why, and then you find yourself saying why not!"

"No one can figure out why, it just is," said Weaver. "People love it. It's just a whole lot of fun."

Added Spitz: "This is small town America. This is what we do."



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closest any rooster came to dethroning him was in 1959 when Sandy crowed 96 times.

But, alas, it was bound to happen sometime. In the 1978 contest, a cocky rooster by the name of White Lightning beat old Beetle Baum's record with 112 cock-a-doodle-dos. His nearest competitor was Crow Baby who came in second with 63 crows.

RRP/Karl Roper

No one knows the secrets that encourage a rooster to crow, but White Lightning's owner, Willie Beck of Gold Hill, said it was simple. "I just kept him away from any other roosters or chickens for six weeks before the contest and brought him to the contest in a large sack."

However, the secret may have been in the person of Dr. Mabel Bryant who stood before his cage flapping her arms and cheering him on to spectacular achievements. According to the good doctor, "We were communicating with each other!"

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Association to enter.

Spitz thinks things will be different this year if boat enthusiasts come out and give it a chance. "If people enjoy boat races, this is a nice opportunity for people who follow boat races to come sit on the river, out in the sunshine and see some good boat racing," she said.

Currently, racers plan to take off near Savage Creek (above the old dam site) at noon and zip by John F. Fleming Memorial Park near Depot Street Bridge. The pursuit for the trophy will include four laps from Rogue River to Gold Hill.

There is no admission fee to watch the races and Spitz says anywhere along the river is a great place to watch the hydro-plane boat slice through the whitewater. Spitz also cautioned spectators to remain a safe distance from the shoreline.

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Ashley Yearly of Bellevue, Wash., had a ball at her first-ever Rooster Crow.

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Blessed are the Piecemakers: 31st Annual Quilt Show

By Tammy Asnicar
Rogue River Press

Quilting, it seems, is a magnificent obsession — one that Carrie Inman has "never fully recovered from," she said.

Piece-by-piece, stitch-by-stitch, it is blessed bliss.

Inman is one of approximately 115 Rogue Valley Piecemakers, and part of a trio of Rogue River quilters who only recently discovered the joy of creating colorful, intricate quilts that are both pieces of art and functional covers.

More than 200 quilts will take center stage at the Rogue Valley Piecemakers' 31st annual Rooster Crow Quilt Show June 24-26.

In 2010, more than 225 quilts were on display at the Rooster Crow show. Inman's "Blue Serenade" was voted Viewers' Choice among the 185 piece eligible for competition.

Inman said that there is so much variety, "so many facets" to quilting. A member since 2003, hand and machine appliqué has become her forte.

"The art part of me gravitated toward it," she said.

Ardis Bucy, another Rogue River resident, was a blue ribbon winner last year. She joined Piecemakers in 2002 -- 10 days after her move to the area and very soon after her retirement.

She said that she has found the Piecemakers to be "an awesome way to meet wonderful people."

And, like Inman, likes everything about quilting and enjoys "growing and learning."

Education, they said, is an

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Carrie Inman shows off her first "Friendship" quilt --- one in which Piecemakers members created blocks for and signed.

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Crow.

Also, the *Rogue River Press* will auction off "Bridges across Time," one of Evergreen Bank's "Doors of Oregon." The silent auction will benefit a scholarship fund at Rogue River High School. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2012.

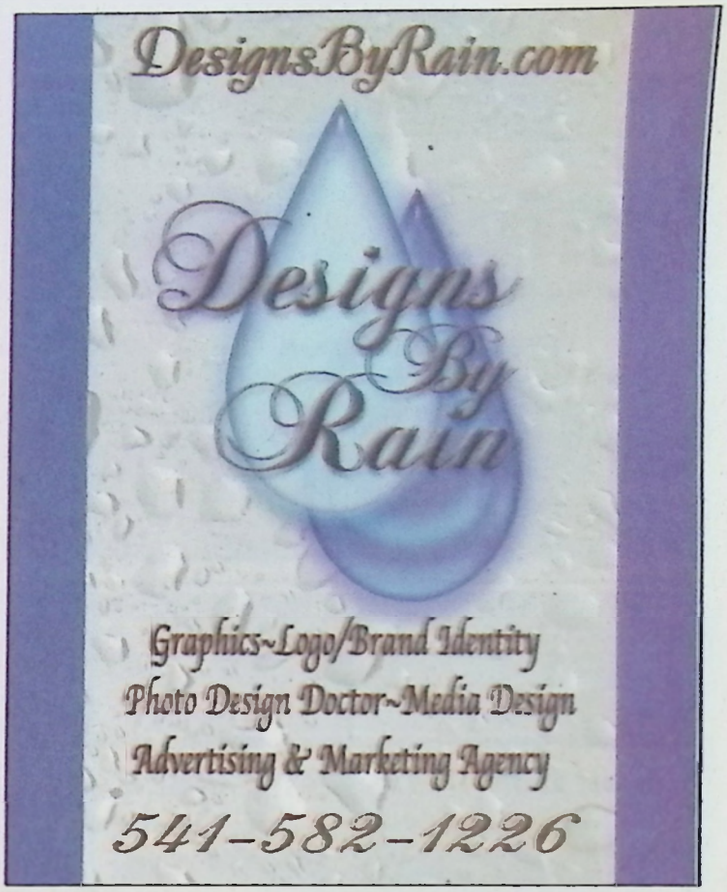
The "Doors of Oregon" was part the Oregon Sesquicentennial. Oregon was the 33rd state admitted to the Union, so 33 doors were given to local artists and they were asked to paint both sides of the doors with their impressions of the state.

Evergreen Bank has donated three gift certificates to be raffled. Winners will be treated to lunch or dinner in the teepee at the Bear Hotel. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund.

Rogue River Press has donated two booth spaces to Wildlife Images. Bronze sculptures of wildlife critters and other fine art will be sold as a fund-raiser for the wildlife rehabilitation and education center.

Wildlife Images is a non-profit organization providing care and treatment for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife. The public also can experience wildlife up-close-and-personal at the "living laboratory" located 12 miles west of Grants Pass along the Wild and Scenic section of the Rogue River.

Annick (Lockshaw) Junota, a 2009 graduate of Rogue River High School, was one of the artists who participated in the 2010 Art in the Plaza. She is shown here with Underwater Color Pencils; a watercolor painting that has the illusion of ballet dancers' en pointe.



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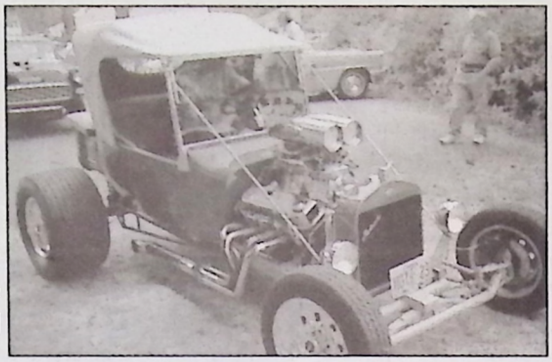
The local businesses sponsoring the car show include Alexander's Framing, the Morningstar Press and the Rogue River Family Practice.

Ellen Campbell of Alexander's Framing has been involved with the car show since the beginning and is looking forward to this year being one of the best shows yet.

"It's a small show, smaller than Medford or Grants Pass, and I think that gives our show more of a hometown feel," she said. She also feels that the show will have more cars than in previous years. "I have a hunch we'll have more cars this year because of gas prices. I think some people won't want to travel as far because of the cost of gas and stay closer to home."



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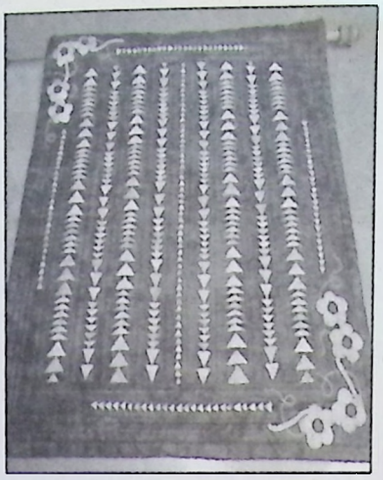
The 2011 Rooster Crow show opens June 24 at Rogue River Middle School with a preview for seniors and quilters from 1 to 4 p.m.

The general public is invited to peruse and pick their favorite quilts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 25 and 26. The bulk of the quilt show will be in the gym with exhibits and demonstrations in the cafeteria.

This year's featured quilter is Pam Kirk of Grants Pass. Kirk specializes in creating Civil War reproduction quilts and primitive art decorative pieces.

A silent auction will be held and "Sunshine & Flowers," this year's "Opportunity Quilt" will be raffled to benefit local charities. All members of the Piecemakers group contributed to the brightly-colored yellow floral bed-sized quilt.



Inman's "I'll Fly Away O' Glory" contains 1,600 pieces.

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